



Firework celebrations

On 7th November, the close-knit Osidge community came together for the annual Fireworks and bonfire night at the school grounds. After school, on a Friday, my family and I walked to Osidge school to join our friends and teachers to celebrate.

Colourful stalls were spread around selling sweet treats, delicious food and little toys! The appetising aroma of burgers filled the air. I joined a long, snaking line of people in front of the cookie stall - they were chocolate filled yummy biscuits which I thoroughly enjoyed! And then, the much-awaited display of fireworks began. The night sky was filled with countless flashing patterns of lights, each more colourful than the last! Purple, blue, gold and red designs blazed across the sky. Sounds of fireworks echoed around our school adding to the enthusiasm. All eyes were glued to the sky and you could hear cries of excitement from the crowd watching. The grand finale entertained us like a circus! It really transformed our school grounds to a magical place.

It seemed very popular and Mrs Dyer said she had never seen so many people attend it before. My family and I had a truly memorable time and we can't wait for the next one!!

Atlas, 45, Osidge School

On the 5th December, Ashmole Primary School hosted a wonderful Christmas event, the winter fair. It took place in the MUGA and the school hall. There was hot chocolate, crepes, pizza and lots of fun games such as Sweet Tombola, Human Fruit Machine and way more! Not to forget the beautiful decoration and festive stalls. During this wondrous event, you were never bored or unoccupied due to the joyful, brilliant games. Outside, there was Crochet stores hosted by Mrs Kamal-Uddin and another one hosted by some Year 6 students. We would like to give a special mention to all of the parents, PTA and hard-working teachers who helped organise this event. A dream come true. Kids were happily running around for joy. Teachers laughing and having a great time. Music was playing all around and it was filling the school ground with a festive spirit. Everyone was singing along to the Christmas songs. Everything and everyone was brilliantly jolly.

During the end of the event, there was a raffle where many people got a chance to win amazing gifts. We would all like to say a big well done to those who won the hampers. It will truly be the best event of the year 2025.

Orla, Mira and Ella, Y6 Ashmole Primary School

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Winter festivals



A Festive Feast to Never Forget!

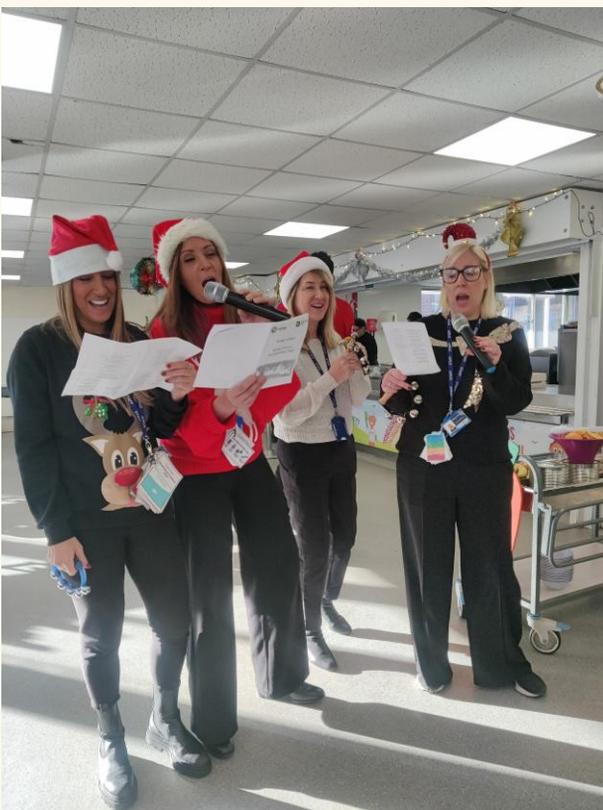
On Thursday this week, our school celebrated one of the most cheerful events of the year.

Who wouldn't enjoy a warm Christmas lunch in the canteen, huddling with all their friends? Joy was on all sides and everywhere you looked, you could see flashing lights, tinsel, a cheeky elf and the most amazing jumpers with reindeers.

As soon as we entered the canteen, the aroma of stuffing, sausages, roast chicken, vegetables and roast potatoes - everyone's favorites. The lunch was delicious! Also with us were considerate staff members, who joined us from Ashmole Academy. Each of their smiles lit up the room as they kindly helped serve the meals. All the staff did a brilliant job and the whole service ran smoothly.

But the highlight of the celebration was when our teachers and staff from Osidge began to sing! As we ate, they sang an assortment of popular Christmas songs to put a smile on our faces and spread the cheer.

The whole lunch was warm, joyful and full of excitement; it was a great way to share a traditional celebration. Overall, the whole afternoon was a massive success and every child and adult left the canteen with a huge grin.



Winter Festivals



Outstanding Performances Brought Parents to Tears

On Wednesday afternoon, December 3rd, the whole of Osidge school came together for our winter concert; which was held in the spacious St Andrew's Church. Uncountable amounts of parents filled the pews, preparing their cameras and whispering with enthusiasm, as the light dimmed and two determined children welcomed everyone to the event.

The wholesome concert that we ran this year really impressed everyone- classes sang with grace, all that hard practicing made the music shout perfection! It showed how talented and skilled our pupils are: choirs that brought heaven to our ears, dedicated solo singers, duet music pieces, and like a thunderbolt, a surprise quartet of woodwinds perfected their harmonic tune! The echoes of the colossal church made everything sound majestic; it felt as though the music notes of soothing melodies floated up into the rafters.

A few children in year 6 read out a collection of classical but perfectly-themed winter poems, while the teachers smiled on with pure, intense joy.

One parent described it as being, "a wonderful celebration of our school's creativity," which motivated teachers and students to never cut the string of effort in future performances.

As the final song came up, our class teachers sang on the front stage and soon the audience were joining in too. It was a thrilling experience for parents to see their beloved children perform in front of waves of people, as it can be extremely nerve wracking for some. However, with all the courage built up, that was no problem for Osidge's amazing students. It was truly a heart-warming way to start the festive season!

Nicole, 6S, Osidge School

Trip to the Natural History Museum

Just as I came out of the tunnel, I saw a gold, gigantic dinosaur bone! It was amazing! Then we went through some incredible sections and came to a workshop about volcanoes and earthquakes. After that, I had lunch and I loved it so much it was one of my favourite parts! Later, me and my classmates went to the earthquake room and felt the earthquake simulator. We also went up an escalator into a model of the Earth. Meanwhile, we went into the volcano section and saw gems like emeralds and rubies. A few minutes later, we were finding our way back out, but we made a stop at the creepy crawlies section before it was time to go. I had the most amazing day!

Lucas, 3I, Osidge School





Year 5 debating

On the 25th November, six Year 5's (Maxine, Christopher A, Leo, Alice, Ella, Christopher B) went to South Hampstead High School and we participated in a debate competition. A week before, we went to Osidge to prepare for this special event. When the day finally arrived, we went to Ashmole Academy and met Mr Littleford, who organised this wonderful event for us. We boarded on our mini bus as transportation and soon we were on our way!

When we arrived, we entered South Hampstead High School. We walked into the hall which was the size of a small theatre. We sat excited as ever with our notebooks in our hands. We listened carefully to what the organiser had to say and then he told us we could go into the canteen to eat. Over there, they served sandwiches of all sorts, crunchy crisps and chocolatey cookies. It was delicious!

Once we had finished eating, we entered the hall once again and the organiser gave us the instructions on how the event worked. When he had finished talking and we knew the motion and whether we were proposition or opposition, we went onto the right floor and found our room which we were going to be debating in. Across the evening, we had to debate about whether this house believes... "everyone should be a vegetarian", "whether flights abroad should be banned" and "whether parents should allow their children to read comics and books featuring naughty characters".

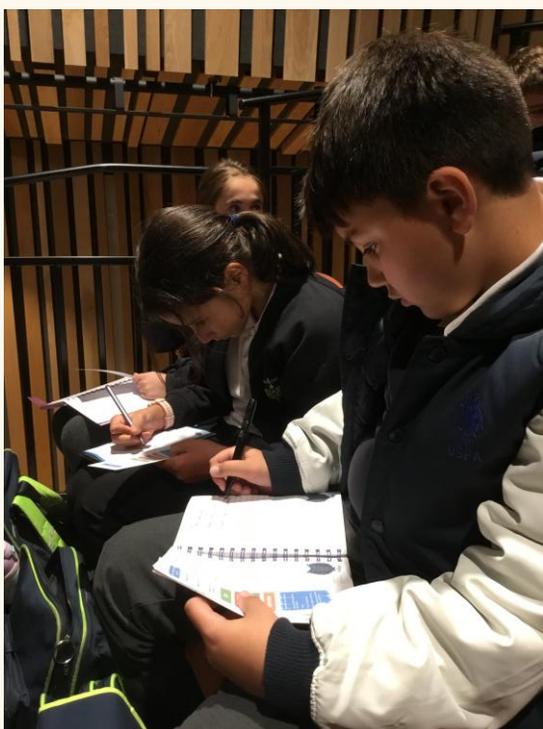
It was such a fun day and wonderful experience and we would love to do it again. This is because it allowed us to participate in debating and learn how to purposefully debate in a team!

Alice and Ella, Y5 Ashmole Primary School



On the 25th of November, six lucky year 5 students from Osidge, (Ali, Kelsey, Zavian (5R), Leo, Sophie and Tinsley (5J)), took part in a debating competition at South Hampstead School. When we first arrived, we went to the school's incredible music hall and sat down in comfortable, cushioned seats. We waited patiently for the motion (the subject of what we were debating about) to be announced. When the motion popped up on the massive screen, we wrote it down in our notebooks. We then dashed towards the room we were going to debate in and started to plan our main arguments.

The debates lasted for around 30-40 minutes and we had three debates during the evening. At the start of the debates, the judge would slam the table for the first 30 seconds for protected time, which meant nobody could interrupt us with a point of information. After each debate, we waited outside the room before we were then invited back inside to hear the results and receive our feedback. Working as a team, we ended up winning three of our six debates and really enjoyed the experience!



Tinsley and Leo, Osidge School



Drama

For me my favourite lesson has been in Drama when we were practising for our first practical Assessment.

In that lesson we learnt about how to accurately use our Vocal and Physical skills to express our characters stereotypes such as: using various paces, volumes, stage combat and different postures.

This was my favourite lesson because we were able to create our own scenes, direct them ourselves and work with a range of different people that we would usually work with.

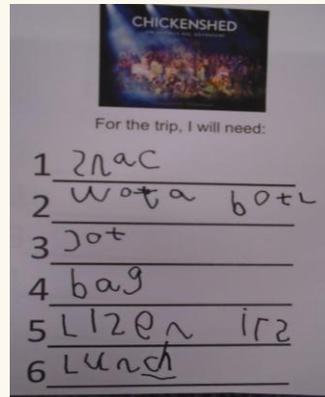
This would not have been possible without our amazing, fabulous teacher, Mrs Humphrys! I would never have been able to get the grade I did without her.



Phoebe, Y7 Ashmole Academy

ChickenShed visit

On Monday, the Ladybird Class visited the ChickenShed Theatre to watch a performance of Christmas Tales. The trip covered different areas of learning including Listening, Attention & Understanding, Self Regulation, Being Imaginative and People, Cultures & Communities. The children applied their writing skills to write lists of the things they would need to take on the trip with them, as well as a recount of their experience to share with their grown ups.

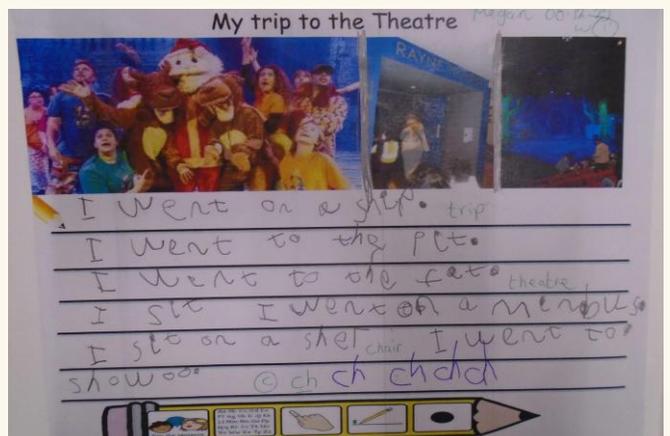


"I went on a trip. I went to the theatre. I went on a minibus. I sit on a chair. I went to the show". Megan

"I went on the bus. I went on a trip. I saw a show. I watched the show. Santa came to the show". Zara

"I went on a trip. I went to the ChickenShed theatre. Santa was in the show. A snowman was in the show."

Osidge School





Life at Ashmole Academy!

I have only been at Ashmole Academy for a few months and I absolutely love it! As soon as I stepped foot into the amazing building, I almost immediately settled in. The staff are so welcoming, the environment was very uplifting and the students were full of energy!

Here are some of the highlights of my day:

- When I arrive at school I go to my classroom and my friends and I catch up whilst we wait for our tutor. After the register, we usually begin some quiet reading and the form tutor or another student delivers an informative presentation to get our brains in gear.
- On to meditation, freedom and an exercise for my hands – Art (my favourite subject).
- Soon, lunchtime arrives. I sit with my friends and voraciously munch mouth-watering, flavourful chicken wrap.
- At the end of the day I either head to the netball court to burn off some energy or to the Hall for Junior Scholars where I learn about an eclectic array of subjects such as WW2, debating or Keith Haring.

One thing that really motivates me is the rewards system: if you represent one of the school's values (such as responsibility, professionalism or independence) you gain achievement points. I have already achieved the Bronze award and I'm aiming for Silver. Fingers crossed!

I've thrown myself into life at Ashmole and am proud to have taken on four important roles: class rep; anti-bullying ambassador; a member of the Equalities Committee and I'm a Junior Scholar.

Last but not least: friendships. Coming from Ashmole Primary, I have had a head start with some of my friends however, I am exploring a lot of new friendship dynamics with students and staff. They continue to inspire me, no matter what. They accept me for who I am and I know I can be myself around them.

Anabelle, 7ONL, Ashmole Academy



Sophie 7GRC, Ashmole Academy

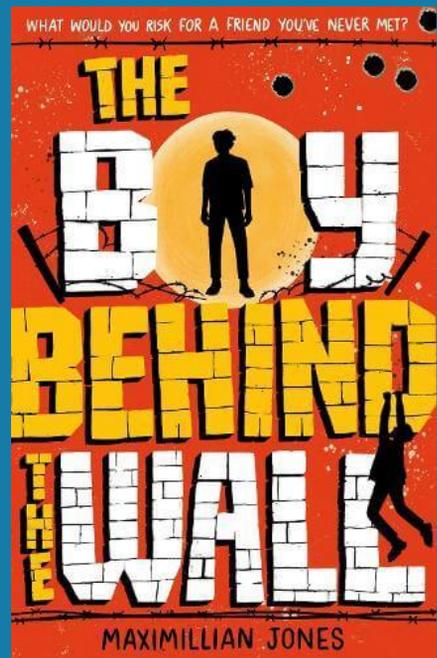
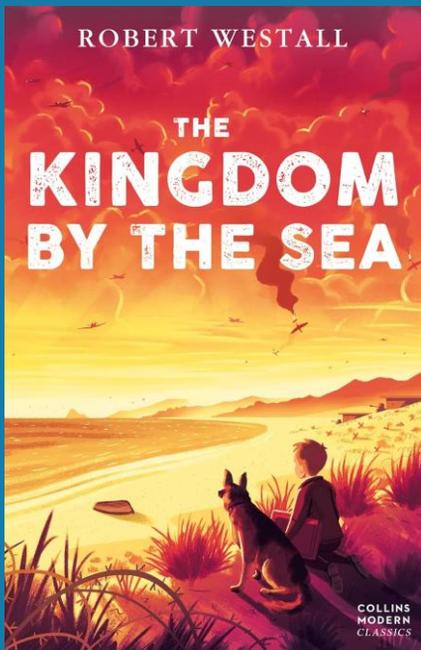
Literacy



‘I really enjoy Bedrock. This is because the way it sources information about me effectively makes me remember words, punctuation and grammar really easily. I also enjoy how it reads the words out to us, which is helpful in understanding how to pronounce them. My favourite part of Bedrock is when you write sentences, including the words you have been taught to retest your memory.’

Ayshe, 8PET, Ashmole Academy

I recommend ‘The Kingdom of the Sea’ because it has great descriptions, good plot twists and amazing characters.



I recommend ‘The Kingdom of the Sea’ because it has ‘The Boy Behind the Wall’ as it a well-written story with interesting characters and lots of twists and turns.

BookBuzz is here!





I have a dream Poetry Competition



Magical world of girls and boys

A meadow soft where time is kind,
Holds worlds that bloom in every mind.
Where girls and boys with endless cheer
Make wonders blossom, bright and clear.

They skip on bridges made of song,
Where candy rivers drift along,
And every dream becomes a toy
In this bright land of childlike joy.

No shadow falls, no worries stay,
Just golden hours of gentle play,
A shining world that love employs-
The dreamland home of girls and boys.

Eliza Y3, Osidge School

One day – zero rules

In London town, the King says one day: 'I'm tired of being King, let's let the kids rule today.'

The Queen nodded too 'Just let's try it. Kids are in charge of London – yippee!'

So chocolate for breakfast, ice-cream for tea, no school, no homework – everything is free!

They zoomed in black cabs, they drove double deckers, skipping through London – those wild little wreckers!

But traffic got crazy, the streets were a mess. Shops had no money and the tube was a stress.

The King and Queen laughed, 'That's quite enough fun, now back to the rules or London is so done!'

So the children went back to their lessons that day but dreamed of the time they had their own way.

They learned being the boss isn't easy at all, it's better with balance – both big and small.

Ayla 4B, Osidge School

Osidge School Book Fair Brings Success For Library

Last week, the lower hall opened its doors to the Scholastic Book Fair. Many families entered the hall and chose their favourite books, novels and stationery. The books disappeared faster than you could blink! The best news is that this book fair was one of the best Osidge School has ever seen. Together, we raised enough money to buy a variety of new chapter books and a fascinating non-fiction collection.

Our teachers are delighted with the result of this because with your help they can bring back some childhood favourites and popular books that everyone wants to read. Thanks to Scholastic, we have helped boost the pupils' enthusiasm with reading books and help them to discover a new variety of hidden wonders that lie in pages of unread novels.

All of the children of Osidge School can't wait until the next book fair arrives. It brings joy and happiness to all ages (including teachers) and this yearly ritual must keep on going for multiple years to come. Overall, the book fair brought smiles to people's faces and it helped us grow mentally. Now, we can't wait to venture through the fresh pages of our new books.

Ariadni 6B, Osidge School

Sports news

Ashmole Girls First Win!

Ashmole vs St Catherine

We stepped nervously onto the pitch knowing this team was unbeatable, but our hopes were high. On this momentous day we felt unstoppable knowing we were going to win. Our whole team remember TK (our sports coach) saying “Never say I can’t and be positive”.

As the first whistle blew we ran straight in and won the ball. Holding in our formation: Ayda in goal, Tia and Saanvi back in central defence, Mabel and Emily on the wings, Rose back in central mid and Darcey up front. The first goal we knocked in was by Emily, assisted by Mabel off the crossbar. Unfortunately, a few minutes after we took kick-off, we conceded a goal, but we didn’t lose hope. Soon after, Mabel powered in Ashmole’s second goal of the match straight through the goalkeeper’s legs from Darcey throw on assist. 2-1 to Ashmole – we were on fire!

As Emily dribbled into their half, we gained a free kick from just outside of the box. Emily’s strong cross made it all the way to Darcey’s feet where she passed the ball to Mabel who wacked it into the back of the net. Fortunately, Mabel scored another amazing goal completing her hat-trick.

In the second half, Darcey hit the back of the net which made the score 5-1! With 20 minutes left, we only conceded 1 goal. Unfortunately, we spoke too soon and let in St Catherine’s second goal. Everyone thought Mabel was done with her scoring streak but another one came along set up by Ayda and Darcey.

PEEP PEEP, the full-time whistle was blown with Ashmole winning 6-2. As the pitch felt like it was shaking, everyone was filled with joy, happiness and excitement. Since that day the girls football team has been celebrating!

**Mabel, Emily, Tia and Ayda, Year 6
Ashmole Primary School**



Netball

Netball is an enjoyable sport that pulls you in! Netball is done in PE lessons so joining Netball club as well gives you a head start on the rules, positions and other key information. Netball is a fast-paced social sport that offers both a great physical workout and opportunities to build teamwork and friendships.

The sport brings a great deal of relief as we get to spend time with friends having fun. Although the rules are hard to follow, it also unites us in peace and leisure!

The teachers are all warm and help us with our netball skills. You can even practise at lunchtime by playing near the netball hoops.

Funkan, Y7 Ashmole Academy

Philosophy Club

I have been going to Philosophy Club for the past few weeks and, frankly, I absolutely love it. Every time I step into the room the deep thinking part of my brain goes wild. It’s a club where all opinions are heard and valued equally and ‘right or wrong’ disappears. Every week, there is a different topic so it is never boring for anyone. I joined because my friend was going by himself and, because I felt bad for him, I decided to tag along and see if I liked it... I loved it!! Ever since then, I have been going every week and enjoying it every time. I recommend it to anyone who just wants to have an hour of thinking and calm debating.

**Konstantinos 7GOZ, Ashmole
Academy**